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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Management *ddp*
and Services

SUBJECT : DCID 1/11, Security Committee

1. Action Requested: That the Director of Central Intelligence seek the counsel of the CIA Management Committee to resolve a fundamental difference of opinion existing within the Agency related to the appropriate scope of responsibilities of the to-be-reconstituted Security Committee.

2. Background:

(a) In November 1973 a revised DCID 1/11, subject: Security Committee, which had been recommended by IC Staff for USIB consideration and approval, was assigned to the Security Committee for rewrite. The Committee has completed its work, and its suggested revision of the directive is attached as TAB A. Also attached (TAB B) are comments of the Deputy Director for Intelligence which are in fundamental conflict with certain portions of the suggested revision. The purpose of this memorandum is to seek resolution of differences of opinion existing within the Agency, prior to submitting the matter to the Board.

(b) The essence of the DDI's concern is twofold:
1) whether the kinds of people who are expert on the usual security matters, e.g.: procedures, standards etc., can cope with more substantive

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policy problems such as the effect certain releases to foreign governments would have on U.S. national security and foreign relations, and 2) the advisability of making the restructured Security Committee responsible for compartmented intelligence sanitization, downgrading, declassification and decontrol policies--matters which are presently the responsibility of the COMIREX and SIGINT Committees. Consequently, the DDI recommends a thorough reconsideration of the scope of the reconstituted committee, with a view to confining it to the traditional security topics.

(c) The contra-viewpoint would be that differentiation between expertise is not a matter of issue here. If the internal departmental coordination processes are properly exercised with respect to matters before the Committee, then all disciplines should be appropriately brought to bear--including those of the source experts. The fundamental question involved is whether the objectives of both security and intelligence reporting might be better served in the overall sense, if the presently fragmented responsibility for security policy and related matters were consolidated under one Security Committee with broadened responsibilities.

3. Recommendation: That the matter be scheduled for discussion at an early meeting of the CIA Management Committee.

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Director of Security

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